

Scheme for franchising postal outlets

*27. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts have issued orders for the launch of the scheme for franchising postal outlets in urban areas in the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such outlets notified State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for the franchising of postal jobs?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No postal jobs have been franchised.

Urban infrastructure development schemes

*28. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes formulated and being implemented by Government for urban infrastructure development in the country;

(b) the details of funds allotted for the purpose by Government during the last three years; and

(c) the details of achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Schemes being implemented by this Ministry for urban infrastructure development in the country, details of funds provided during last three years and achievements made so far, are as follows:—

(i) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM):

The Government of India has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005 to give focused